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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is concurrently filed with a Request for Continued Examination for the above-identified patent application. As provided in 37 CFR 1.192(a), this Preliminary Amendment is filed within two months from the date of a Notice of Appeal, which was received by the Patent and Trademark Office on 8-19-04. Accordingly, this Preliminary Amendment is timely filed.

Amendment to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.